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(*b*) what action the Government propose to take against the Commissioner for disobedience and dereliction of duty?

A.—(*a*) No.

(*b*) The question does not arise.

Communal representation in the services of local boards and municipalities.

* 606 *Q*.—Mr. Mahoob Ali Baig: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether rules have been issued under the amended provisions of the District Municipalities Act and Local Boards Act in regard to communal representation in services in municipalities and district boards;

(*b*) if the answer to clause (*a*) is in the affirmative, what the dates of issue of the rules were; and

(*c*) whether any complaints have been received by the Government that the Presidents and the Commissioners have not been giving effect to the rules under some pretext or other?

A.—(*a*) The rules relating to representation of communities in services under district boards have been issued. Similar rules for municipal councils will be issued after the designations and scales of pay of municipal establishments are standardized.

(*b*) The rules relating to district boards were published in Part I-A of the *Fort St. George Gazette*, dated 2nd July 1935, and they came into force from 15th July 1935.

(*c*) No.

Representation of Muslims in the cadre of Municipal Commissioners and Panchayat Officers.

* 607 *Q*.—Mr. Mahoob Ali Baig: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of Municipal Commissioners and Panchayat Officers appointed till now;

(*b*) the number of Muslims appointed to the said posts; and

(*c*) whether the proportion of Muslim appointees is in accordance with the communal Government Order; if not, why not?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) Out of a total number of 103 persons appointed as Commissioners and 34 as District Panchayat Officers up to 3rd January 1936, 8 of the former and 2 of the latter were Muhammadans.

(*c*) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer to clause (*c*) of his question No. 75 answered on the 3rd August 1934 and to the answers to the supplementary questions on his question No. 263 delivered on the 24th October 1934.